

SOUTH KOREA – COVID19 QUARANTINE REGULATIONS

19 August 2020

✓ Self-diagnosis App Installation upon arrival

All inbound passengers are required to install the "home quarantine safety protection" app on their mobile phones upon arrival. **Those who refuse to install this app will be immediately deported.** This app will be used to conduct self-diagnosis for the first 2 weeks in South Korea. More information will be given by airport quarantine officers upon arrival.



✓ Free Covid19 Test and 2 weeks of Self-isolation upon arrival

COVID19 test is mandatory for all inbound passengers arrived in South Korea and the test fee is free.

Case	Where to get Covid19 test	2 weeks of self-isolation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inbound passengers coming with a valid Isolation Exemption Certificate 	At the airport upon arrival.	Not required, if they are confirmed to be Covid19 negative after the test conducted at the airport.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short-term visa holders Visa-free travelers Long-term visa holders coming to apply for ARC and does not have confirmed residence in South Korea yet 	At the airport upon arrival or at the government quarantine facility within 3 days upon arrival.	Mandatory to stay at the assigned government quarantine facility for the first 2 weeks upon arrival.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Korean citizens returning from other countries ARC holders returning from other countries Long-term visa holders coming from other countries and have confirmed residence in South Korea 	At the district public health center based on their registered/booked residential address. Test must be done within 3 days upon arrival.	Mandatory to stay at their registered/confirmed residence for the first 2 weeks upon arrival.

Effective from August 2020, government officers will conduct on-site inspections of longtime foreign residents and stiffen the punishment for those who present false addresses. If residences registered by inbound foreigners are unfit for self-quarantine (does not have a separate room and separate bathroom for those under quarantine), they will be put in a dedicated quarantine facility.

The prime minister announced that the government has found many long-term foreign residents reported false self-quarantine addresses therefore will exhaustively verify if local addresses registered by inbound foreigners upon their entrance to South Korea match where they actually live.

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✓ Public transportation from the airport to the city

Inbound passengers can use designated taxis, buses, trains. Drivers for designated transportations will wear protective clothing like the below sample photos. All passengers MUST wear facial masks while they are taking transportations. Drivers can ban passenger boarding if passengers do not wear facial masks properly.



✓ Restriction on going out for the first 2 weeks

All inbound passengers who are subject to 2 weeks of self-isolation are NOT allowed to leave their quarantine location for 2 weeks.

If they need to leave their home for essential needs (e.g. getting medical care), they must need to notify their local public health center first by a phone call.

Those who leave their quarantine location without notifying their public health center will be considered as quarantine rule violators and will be subject to penalties. As for the penalties, ALL the below-listed measures will be considered by the government:

- Mandatory to wear an electronic wristband for the rest of their quarantine period
- a maximum of 3-years imprisonment and a fine of up to 20 million Won
- Visa & ARC cancellation
- Deportation
- Entry ban

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✓ **Tightened social distancing rules** **NEW UPDATE FROM THE WEEK OF AUG 17**

Amid the new wave of Covid19 outbreaks in and around Seoul, the government placed the capital – Seoul – and the nearby Gyeonggi and Incheon areas under the Level 2 social distancing scheme. Under the stricter guidelines, indoor gatherings of 50 or more people and outdoor events of 100 or more people are prohibited.

Also, **in some provinces (E.g. Gyeonggi), an administrative order that mandates face masks for all residents and visitors was issued. Those in violation could be fined up to 3 million KRW (approximately 2,540 in USD) and charged for quarantine and medical costs if found to be responsible for any transmissions. Since it won't be easy for foreigners to monitor all the latest government updates, please be reminded to wear face masks at all times whenever going out.**

✓ **Fees for Covid19 infected Foreigners**

South Korea has been cautious about changing its free-of-charge treatment policy. However, health authorities announced that they will request Covid19-infected foreign arrivals to pay the costs for their medical services, especially those who found to have violated quarantine rules in South Korea.

Case	Covid19 test Fee	Hospitalization and Treatment Fee
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Foreign arrivals who confirmed to be Covid19 positive and violated quarantine rules in South Korea	Free of charge	Effective from 18 Aug 2020, 00:00 KST Foreigners need to pay the full costs by themselves.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Foreign arrivals who confirmed to be Covid19 positive and did not violate any quarantine rules in South Korea	Free of charge	Effective from 24 Aug 2020, 00:00 KST Depends on the foreigner's nationality. According to the principle of reciprocity: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- if the foreigner's home country provides treatments to Korean citizens with their state funds, the South Korean government will also provide state subsidies for that foreigner's medical costs.- If not, the South Korean government will support hospitalization fee only. Foreigners need to pay fees for medical treatment and meals by themselves.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">ARC holders, paying national health insurance fees to South Korean government, confirmed to be Covid19 positive after return to South Korea	Free of charge	No change in the policy. South Korean government will support the costs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">ARC holders and or foreign visitors who confirmed to be Covid19 positive while staying in South Korea due to local infections	Free of charge	No change in the policy. South Korean government will support the costs.

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